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## 4th Annual Law Enforcement Day Camp slated for Area Students

What: Youth Citizen Police Academy

When: May 31- June 3, 2005

Where: Andale High School

Who: Wichita Police Department and the

**Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office** 

Area youth interested in law-related careers will have the opportunity to spend a week with local professionals during the Wichita-Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Youth Citizen Police Academy slated for May 31 to June 3 at Andale High School.

This is the fourth year for the Youth Police Academy. Last year around 40 students participated, and at least that many are expected to attend this year 's Academy. The project is a coordinated effort between the Wichita Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and Andale High School.

During the week, the youth will learn about various aspects of law-related careers. The week's activities will include tours of the Sedgwick County Forensic Science Center, the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and the 911 Communications Center. The students will also observe trial proceedings and a demonstration at the Wichita/Sedgwick County Range, and they will run the obstacle course that recruit officers are required to run.

"Most of the students participating have already had exposure to law enforcement because the School Resource Officers have been in the classrooms teaching law-related topics during the school year," said Sgt. Jerry Quick, Wichita Police Department.

Prior to the Youth Academy, the students rode with Wichita Police Officers and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Deputies to experience the daily routine of law enforcement officers.

Sgt. Quick said last year the students really enjoyed the hands on activities so they have tried to incorporate even more "hands on" activities such as car stop training. "We show them the many different types of career fields in law enforcement," said Sgt. Quick. "Through this Academy, they get to see the full spectrum; everything from the SWAT team, to attorneys, to the coroner."

Students from the following schools are participating in the Youth Academy: Andale High School, Northwest High School, East High School, West High School, Southeast High School, North High School, Heights High School, Truesdell Middle School, Mayberry Middle School, Wilbur Middle School, Allison Middle School, Hamilton Middle School and Hadley Middle School.

Sponsors who have made donations to this event include: Papa John's Pizza, Dillons, PepsiCo, Andale High School, Coca-Cola, Sara Lee Bakery, Clear Channel Communications, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Cici's Pizza.

For more information contact Sgt. Jerry Quick, Patrol West at 337-9400.